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1. A light shield for a video screen panel having front and rear surfaces with
a video display screen on its front surface, wherein said light shield is formed as a
collapsible structure comprising a flat roof having mutually opposing front and rear
edges and mutually opposing inboard and outboard side edges, an outboard side panel
joined to said outboard side edge of said roof and foldable onto said roof into a
collapsed condition and unfoldable to a deployed condition extending downwardly from
said roof alongside said video display screen, a flat mounting strip extending from said
rear edge of said roof rearwardly beyond said outboard side panel, and a thin fastening
mechanism joining said mounting strip to said video screen panel at a location
10 rearwardly from said video display screen.

2. A light shield according to Claim 1 further comprising an inboard side
panel joined to said inboard side edge of said roof and said inboard and outboard side
panels both fold together onto said roof, and said inboard side panel is also unfoldable
to a deployed condition extending downwardly from said roof alongside said video
display screen.

3. A light shield according to Claim 2 wherein said inboard and outboard
side flaps have rear edges which are provided with soft rear edge liners.

4. A light shield according to Claim 1 wherein said inboard and outboard
side panels are mounted to said roof by an adjustable coupling mechanism that permits
said inboard side panel to be moved in an outboard direction from said inboard side

edge of said roof and said outboard side panel to be moved in an inboard direction from
5 said outboard side edge of said roof, whereby separation between said inboard and said
outboard side panels is selectively adjustable.

5. A light shield according to Claim 1 wherein said thin fastening mechanism is comprised of first and second fastening layers wherein said first fastening layer bears a multiplicity of minute flexible fabric hooks and said second fastening layer bears a looped pile, and said flexible fabric hooks are releaseably interengageable with said looped pile, and one of said fastening layers is permanently attached to said mounting strip and the other of said fastening layers is adapted for permanent securing relative to said video display screen.

6. A light shield according to Claim 1 in which said thin fastening mechanism is comprised of first and second flat fastening layers, wherein said first fastening layer is comprised of a material that exerts a force of magnetic attraction and said second fastening layer is comprised of a material attracted by magnetism, and one of said fastening layers is permanently attached to said mounting strip and the other of said fastening layers is adapted for permanent attachment to said video display screen
5 panel rearwardly from said video display screen.

7. A light shield according to Claim 1 wherein said thin fastening mechanism is comprised of a flat, stiff reinforcing strip attached to said thin mounting strip, and a thin retaining clip defining a narrow slot therein extending the length of said mounting strip, and adapted for permanent attachment to said video display panel

rearwardly from said video display screen.

8. A light shield according to Claim 1 wherein said thin fastening mechanism is comprised of a flat double sided adhesive strip.

9. A light shield according to Claim 1 wherein said outboard side panel is provided with an outboard side panel extension.

10. A light shield according to Claim 9 wherein said outboard side panel extension and said outboard side panel are joined together in telescopic fashion.

11. A light shield according to Claim 1 wherein said the mounting strip is joined to said rear edge of said roof by an interior mounting strip fold that terminates at spaced distances from said inboard and outboard side edges of said roof, and narrows slits are defined between said roof and said fastening strip from said inboard and outboard side edges of said roof to said interior mounting strip fold.

12. In combination, a video camera having a camera body with a video screen panel cavity defined therein, a video screen panel having front and rear surfaces with a video display screen on said front surface, hinged to said camera body to fold into a stored position nested within said video screen panel cavity and alternatively foldable to a deployed position projecting out from said video screen panel cavity and laterally from said camera body, and a light shield formed as a collapsible structure comprising a flat roof having mutually opposing front and rear edges and mutually opposing inboard and outboard side edges, an outboard side panel joined to said outboard side edge of said roof and foldable onto said roof into a collapsed condition and unfoldable

10 to a deployed condition extending downwardly from said roof alongside said video screen display when said video screen is in said deployed position, a flat mounting strip extending rearwardly beyond said outboard side panel, and a thin fastening mechanism joining said mounting strip to said video screen panel at a location rearwardly from said video display screen.

13. A combination according to Claim 12 wherein said light shield is further comprised of an inboard side panel joined to said inboard side edge of said roof and said inboard side panel is unfoldable to a deployed condition extending downwardly from said roof alongside said video display screen when said video screen panel is in said deployed position, and said inboard and said outboard side panels are both collapsible onto said roof.

5 14. A combination according to Claim 13 wherein said thin fastening mechanism is comprised of first and second fastening layers and wherein said first fastening layer bears a multiplicity of minute flexible fabric hooks and said second fastening layer bears a looped pile, and said flexible fabric hooks are releaseably interengageable with said looped pile, and one of said fastening layers is permanently attached to set mounting strip and the other of said fastening layers is permanently attached to said video display screen panel rearwardly from said video display screen.

15. A combination according to Claim 14 wherein said video screen panel has an upper edge surface and said fastening mechanism is attached to said upper edge surface.

16. A combination according to Claim 12 wherein said video screen panel has a top edge surface and said rear edge of said roof resides in contact with said top edge surface and said mounting strip is joined to said rear edge of said roof by a mounting strip fold that terminates interiorly from said roof inboard and outboard side edges at spaced distances of separation therefrom, and narrows slits are delineated between set mounting strip and said roof between said inboard and outboard side edges of said roof and said interior mounting strip fold.

17. A combination according to Claim 12 wherein said light shield is fabricated from stiff black paper.

18. A combination according to Claim 12 wherein said light shield is fabricated from stiff plastic.

19. A glare shield for a camera viewfinder comprising a sheet of material of uniform thickness configured to form a pair of opposing, laterally projecting, forwardly and outwardly curved side wings and a shade canopy curved upwardly and forwardly and projecting above and between said side wings, whereby together said canopy and said side wings form a three dimensionally curved, concave forwardly, convex rearwardly facing light shielding structure, and further comprising an attachment mechanism for removably securing said light shielding structure to a camera viewfinder such that said canopy rises above said camera viewfinder and said side wings project outwardly and forwardly relative to said viewfinder.

20. A glare shield according to Claim 19 wherein said attachment mechanism

is comprised of an aperture defined through said sheet of material beneath said canopy
and between said side wings to define aperture border edges in said sheet of material,
wherein said aperture has a size and shape to admit a camera viewfinder eyepiece
therethrough so that said aperture bordering edges of said sheet of material snugly
encompass and grip said camera viewfinder eyepiece therewithin.

5 21. A glare shield according to Claim 20 wherein said aperture bordering
edges completely surround said aperture.

22. A glare shield according to Claim 21 wherein said aperture is formed by
intersecting aperture slits terminating within the structure of said sheet of material so
that said aperture bordering edges are formed of triangular flaps delineated by said
intersecting aperture slits.

23. A glare shield according to Claim 22 further comprising a resilient
aperture border reinforcement ring encompassing at least some of said intersecting
aperture slits therewithin.

24. A glare shield according to Claim 20 wherein said sheet of material
further defines a pair of fingers projecting toward each other from said wings and
separated from each other by an expansion slit extending from the periphery of said
sheet of material between said fingers and terminating at said aperture.

25. A glare shield according to Claim 24 further comprising a resilient liner
forming a border about said aperture and having ends terminating at said expansion slit.

26. A glare shield according to Claim 19 wherein said attachment mechanism

is a tongue formed from said sheet of material beneath said canopy and between said wings.

27. A glare shield according to Claim 26 wherein said tongue is directed forwardly and has a size and shape to fit snugly into a flash attachment mounting clip atop a camera.

28. A glare shield according to Claim 26 wherein said attachment mechanism is further comprised of a magnetic strip.

29. A glare shield according to Claim 19 wherein said sheet of material is formed of flat sheet stock and includes at least a pair of demarcation slits extending from the perimeter of said sheet of material and converging inwardly toward each other into the interior of said sheet of material, and attachment margins are formed in said sheet of material on both sides of said demarcation slits and said attachment margins on each side of each of said demarcation slits are secured together in overlapping fashion to hold said wings and said canopy curved concave forwardly and convex rearwardly as aforesaid.